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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN-MIDDLE-EAST SORTIE

REF: BUCHAREST 0096 (NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING TO SEVERAL NATO EMBASSY SOURCES HERE, ROMANIAN TEAM CURRENTLY VISITING MIDDLE EAST INCLUDES STEFAN ANDREI (PARTY SECRETARY FOF FOREIGN AFFAIRS), CORNEL PACOSTE (DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS) AND NICOLAE DOICARU (FIRST CONFIDENTIAL

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DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR). IN

ADDITION TO STOPS IN EGYPT, SYRIA, AND JORDAN, INDICATIONS ARE NOW THAT IRAQ AND MOROCCO WILL BE INCLUDED AS WELL. NO PUBLICITY YET GIVEN TRIP HERE.

2. COMMENT: WHILE ONE REASON FOR SORTIE MAY BE TO BRIEF ARAB GOVERNMENT ON PACOSTE'S TRIP TO ISRAEL (REFTEL), WE SUSPECT ADDITIONALLY THAT ROMANIA'S NEW ROLE AS UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBER AND WHOLE GAMUT OF ROMANIA'S POLICY TOWARD ARABS AND ISRAEL ARE ON AGENDA. IF CONFIRMED, PRESENCE OF ANDREI, PRE-EMINENT ROMANIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL AFTER CEAUSESCU HIMSELF, MARKS IMPORTANCE CEAUSESCU WISHES TO LEND TO TRIP AND MORE ACTIVE HAND ANDREI HIMSELF HAS TAKEN IN ROMANIA'S MIDDLE EAST MANEUVERING SINCE MID-AUTUMN.

3. ANYTHING MIDDLE EAST ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE ABLE TO GLEAN ON SUBSTANCE OF TALKS WILL BE OF INTEREST.
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